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In re Patent Application of  
Rudolf BUCK et al.  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 1996,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 7-28 and 31 without  
prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. 5. (Amended) A twin-wire former for the production of  
a paper web from a fiber suspension, the twin wire former  
comprising:

first and second web forming wire belts, means for  
directing the wire belts to travel along a path together for  
forming a twin wire zone of the twin wire former, with the web  
between the wire belts as the wire belts travel along the path  
through the twin wire zone, neither wire belt defining a single  
wire predrainage zone;

each wire belt forming an endless loop;  
the twin wire zone having a first section which  
includes a first drainage element at the start of the path